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## **Press Release**

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### **Los Lunas Man Arrested After Drug Raid**

An early morning drug raid in Los Lunas on 8/15/12 ended with the arrest of the homeowner and the seizure of 128 marijuana plants, 3 ½ pounds of dried marijuana ready for sale and a Ruger .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun. The marijuana has an estimated street value of about \$270,000.00.

Bosque Farms police chief Greg Jones said one of his narcotics agents worked in conjunction with the DEA and the Special Investigations Division of the Los Lunas Police Department to develop the case. A district court search warrant was executed in the 100 block of Suzanne Court, Los Lunas, with the assistance of the Los Lunas SWAT team that resulted in the arrest of Joe Benavidez, age 45, a City of Albuquerque employee. No injuries were sustained during the operation.

Benavidez was arrested and booked into the Valencia County Detention Center on a \$22,250.00 cash/surety bond.

Further arrests are anticipated.

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